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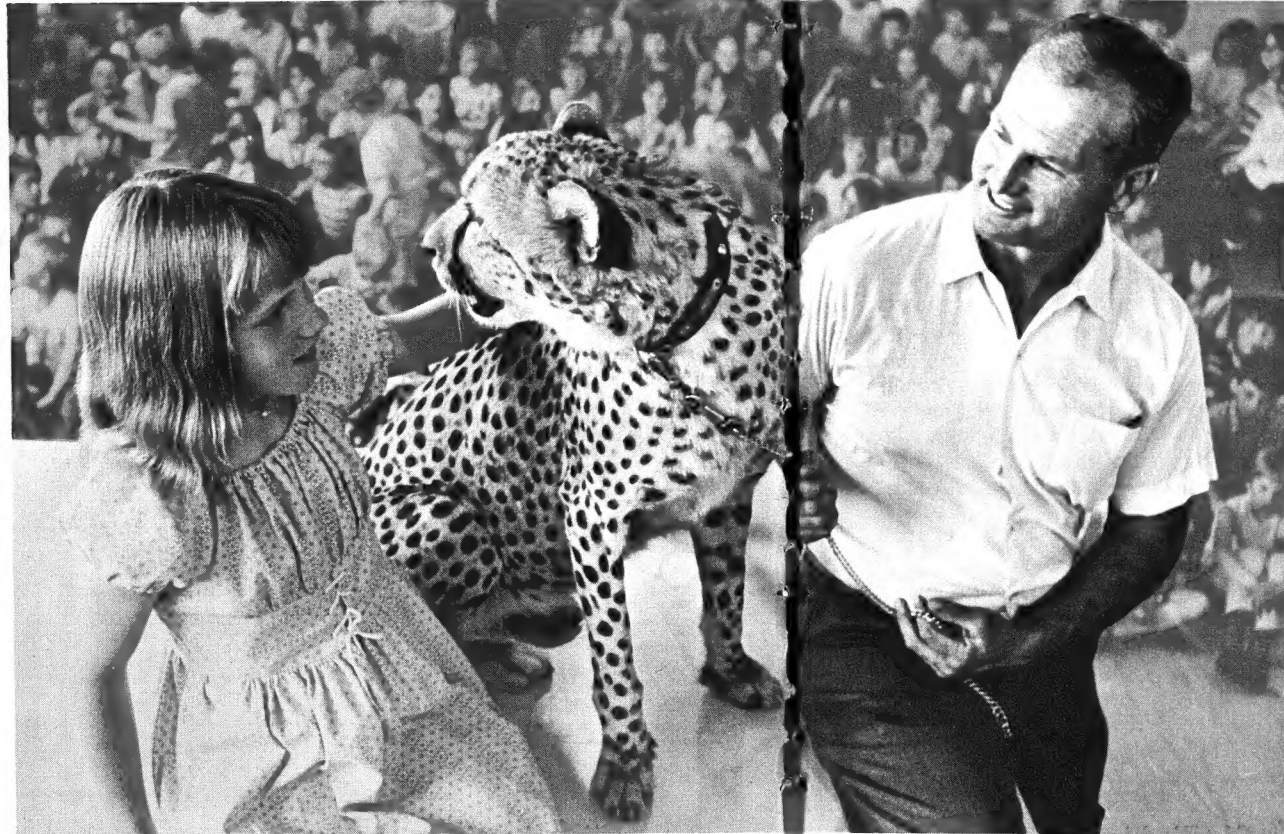
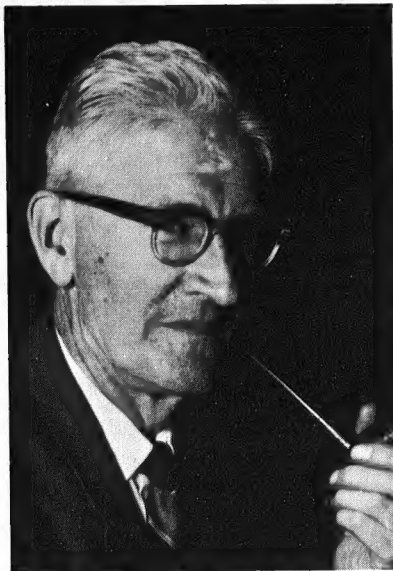
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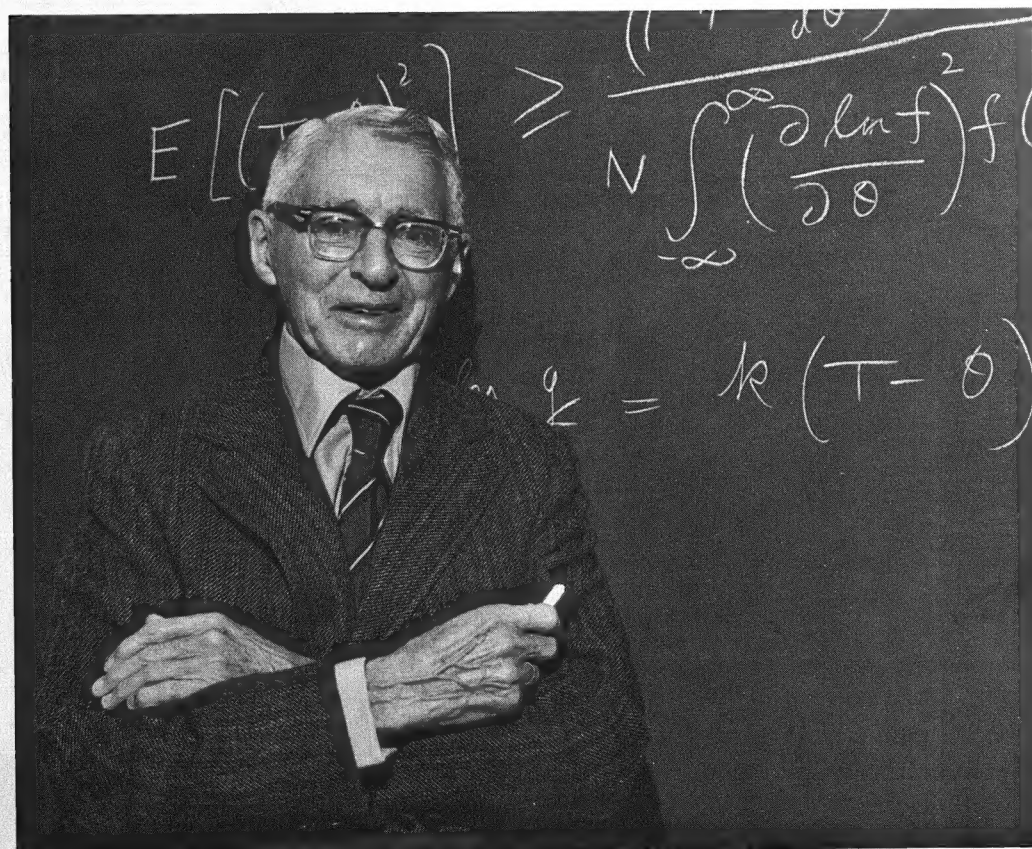
Spring Convocation

Today
I am poised in the limbo
Of a sad goodbye
And a glad farewell
Looking for
tomorrow.

Mr. Ignatieff
Mr. Oeming



Professor Keeping



Mrs. Stewart

At the sixty-second Spring Convocation of The University of Alberta, 3,579 regular degrees will be conferred, 200 of them at the masters or doctoral level. LOUIS DESROCHERS, Chancellor of the University, will preside. Seventy students will graduate from the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, 715 from the Faculty of Arts, 184 from Business Administration and Commerce, 5 from Collège Universitaire Saint-Jean, 25 from Dental Hygiene, 50 from Dentistry, 710 from Education, 271 from Engineering, 96 from Household Economics, 116 from Law, 57 from Library Science, 57 from Medical Laboratory Science, 165 from Medicine, 96 from Nursing, 70 from Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, 101 from Physical Education, 27 from Rehabilitation Medicine, and 519 from Science. Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees will be presented to four persons; their biographies appear below.

ALEXIS IGNATIEFF

The honorary graduand at the first session will be ALEXIS IGNATIEFF, recently retired Deputy Director of the Mines and Surveys Branch of the federal Department of Energy, Mines, and Resources.

Mr. Ignatieff was born in pre-revolutionary Russia in 1907 and emigrated to England in 1919. He received his education in London at St. Paul's School and the Royal College of Mines, from which he graduated in 1927 with an associateship in mining and a Bachelor of Science.

His initial professional career in mining developed in West Africa, Panama, Yugoslavia, France, and Bulgaria. In 1931 he was appointed as a research and development engineer for Cardox Limited, a company in England which specialized in carbon dioxide blasting for coal mines. Four years later he became Chief Engineer in complete charge of the company's technical and manufacturing operations.

In 1947 he left this position to move to Canada, where his family had settled twenty years earlier. He joined the Fuels Division of

the Department of Energy, Mines, and Resources, where he was responsible for fuel resources and field projects. During this period he worked on the first official evaluation of the natural gas resources of Western Canada. He was also instrumental in beginning research on rock mechanics and on mining and industrial explosive atmospheres.

In 1954 he was appointed Chief of the Fuels Division, and in 1967 he became Deputy Director of the Mines and Surveys Branch.

Mr. Ignatieff received the Distinguished Service Medal of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy in 1959, and last year he received the Selwyn G. Blaylock Award from the Institute for his outstanding contribution to the Canadian mining industry.

AL OEMING

Naturalist AL OEMING will be the honorary graduand at the second part of Convocation, on Tuesday, May 30. Mr. Oeming was born and educated in Edmonton. He received a BSc in Zoology from The University of Alberta in 1948 and an MSc in 1955.

Even before he founded the Alberta Game



G. R. A. RICE

During the first part of the Spring Convocation ceremonies, the Alumni Golden Jubilee Award will be presented to G. R. A. RICE, President and General Manager of Sunwapta Broadcasting Limited. Dr. Rice, who received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University in 1965, served three terms on the University Senate and, in 1969, was General Chairman of the Three Alberta Universities Capital Fund Campaign. He pioneered, along with other early broadcasters, much of the growth in radio technique in Canada, and he has seen Edmonton develop and maintain its position as a major communications centre.

Farm he was closely involved in wildlife conservation. In 1955 he was instrumental in having the Swan Hills region of Alberta set aside as a protected zone in an effort to save the endangered Swan Hills grizzly bear.

Two years later he purchased 500 acres of land southeast of Edmonton to build the Alberta Game Farm, which was opened to the public in 1959. The farm now covers 1,500 acres and contains 3,000 animals of 81 different species, including one of the finest collections of hoofed animals in the world. The Game Farm carries on an active trading exchange with zoos around the world. Mr. Oeming has pioneered successful techniques of maintaining wild animals in captivity and has saved several species that had been threatened with extinction.

He has been featured on numerous documentary television programs, including a National Geographic Society production,



"Journey into the High Arctic," which was seen by more than 60,000,000 people in Canada and the United States. In the near future there will be a series of thirty television shows directed at wildlife conservation.

In 1956 Mr. Oeming was elected a Fellow of the London Zoological Society and in 1969 he received the Everly Medal from the Secretary of Agriculture for the United States for "excellence in conservation." He was President of the Edmonton Zoological Society for nine years, during which time Storyland Valley Zoo was opened. Mr. Oeming regularly visits schools and speaks to children about conservation.

WINNIFRED STEWART

The third honorary degree will be presented to WINNIFRED STEWART on Wednesday, May 31.

Mrs. Stewart was born in British Columbia and educated in Edmonton. She finished her training as a Registered Nurse at the Edmonton General Hospital in 1930. Shortly after the birth of a mongoloid son, Mrs. Stewart began to devote her life to learning about the problems of mental retardation and to research into methods of teaching retarded children.

In 1953 she and other parents of retarded children formed the Edmonton Association for Retarded Children and founded the Winnifred Stewart School for Retarded Children. The following year she formed the Association of Teachers of Retarded Children, the first association of its kind in Canada, and she was instrumental in forming the Alberta Association for Retarded Children.

Since the opening of the school in Edmonton, Mrs. Stewart has organized and founded schools for retarded children in Vegreville, Vermilion, Wetaskiwin, Hinton, Grande Prairie, Whitehorse, Yellowknife, Dawson Creek, and Lloydminster. She also helped establish schools in St. Paul, Camrose, North Battleford, Saskatchewan, and Fort St. John, British Columbia. She was also consultant to groups establishing schools for retarded children in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Montreal.

The curriculum and teaching methods developed by Mrs. Stewart and used in these schools have achieved international recognition. She has also advised Soviet educational authorities and helped establish the first school of this kind in the USSR.

In 1968 the Industrial, Research, and Training Centre for the Retarded was opened. This \$1,500,000 project was inspired by Mrs. Stewart.

In 1956 she was chosen by the Mental Health Association of Alberta as the person who had contributed the most to child welfare and health in Alberta, and in 1966 she was chosen Edmonton's Citizen of the Year.

Mrs. Stewart has been Principal of the Winnifred Stewart School since 1953. Today the school has over 400 children attending, 64 teachers, and a supporting staff of 30.

This April, Mrs. Stewart was awarded the Medal of Service of the Order of Canada, which was presented to her by Governor-General ROLAND MICHENER in Ottawa.

ERNEST KEEPING

An honorary doctorate will be conferred upon ERNEST S. KEEPING, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, at the fourth and final part of Convocation.

Professor Keeping was born in England in 1895. In 1916 he received a BSc(honors) from the University of London and an Associateship in the Royal College of Science. The following year he received a Diploma from the Imperial College. From 1922 to 1929 he served as an assistant lecturer at the University of Wales.

In 1929 he came to The University of Alberta. Since that time he has taught continuously at this University.

From 1954 to 1961 he served as Chairman of the Department of Mathematics, and he has continued to serve the department as a Sessional Lecturer since his appointment as Professor Emeritus 11 years ago.

Professor Keeping has published a long list of research papers in physics, astronomy, and statistics. He is still an active participant in mathematics colloquia and seminars at the age of 76. His three books are regarded as standard references in their field.

Professor Keeping's dedication to this University, his continual enthusiasm and high standards have been a source of inspiration to the Department of Mathematics for many years.

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